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[54] TRANSDERMAL DRUG PATCH WITH MICROTUBES

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A transdermal drug patch for delivering at least one drug to a patient through the skin comprises:

(a) at least two electrodes forming the patch and separated from each other by an insulator;

(b) a circuit including an electrical power source for supplying power to and electrically connected to the electrodes at a conductive element; and

(c) drug reservoir means in the form of a plurality of microtubes separated from and insulated from each other extending from a conductive element at one end to the surface of the patch interfacing with the patient at the other end of the microtube.

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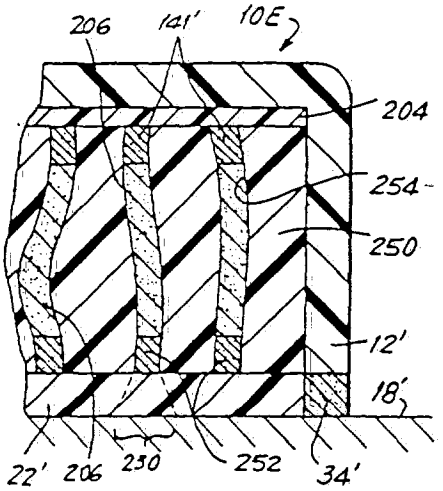

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